



*I pledge allegiance to the flag of
the United States of America,
And to the Republic for which it
stands One nation, under God
Indivisible with liberty and
justice for all!*

[Link to U.S. Constitution](#)



The Briefing for Friday – January 6 – 2023

The last Briefing was Wednesday – January 4 - 2023

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This Week in Tallahassee - Getting to Know You – Getting to Know All About You!

The lyrics from the famous song from the King and I best describe this week in Tallahassee.

Tuesday - Inaugural Celebration – Swearing and a Ball

On Tuesday – The Inauguration of the Governor and Cabinet – over 3,000 plus Floridians and guests crowded the Capitol steps to witness the 2nd inauguration of Governor DeSantis and members of the Cabinet – Jimmy Patronis, Ashley Moody, and newly elected Ag. Commissioner Wilton Simpson.

That evening guest descended on the Tallahassee Civic center for the Inaugural Ball.

Week 1 of Committee Meetings

Both House and Senate Committee met for a full slate of committee meetings. The primary items were introductions of staff and members and a briefing overview the role and scope of committee responsibilities. Some of the committee chairs outlined the current status of issues within the committee purview and were presented with information about their designated areas.

Here are the links to the meeting packets for key House and Senate Committee meetings

Senate Education PreK-12 Committee

- [Senate Education K-12 Agenda Packet and Powerpoint Presentation](#)
- [Video of Senate K-12 Meeting](#)

House PreK-12 Appropriations Committee

- [House PreK-12 Appropriations Committee Agenda Packet](#)
- [Video of House PreK-12 Education Appropriations Committee](#)

Senate Select Committee on Resiliency

- [Senate Select Committee on Resiliency Meeting Packet](#)
- [Video of Senate Select Committee on Resiliency](#)

House Select Committee on Resiliency and Recovery

- [Video Recording of House Committee on Resiliency and Recovery](#)

House Appropriations Subcommittees budget overviews for FY 2022-23.

- [Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee FY 2022-23 Budget Overview](#)
- [Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee FY 2022-23 Budget Overview](#)

- Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee FY 2022-23 Budget Overview
- Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee FY 2022-23 Budget Overview
- Justice Appropriations Subcommittee FY 2022-23 Budget Overview
- PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee FY 2022-23 Budget Overview
- State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee FY 2022-23 Budget Overview

Florida's D.E.M. Chief will Seek Disaster Preparation and Response Changes

Division of Emergency Management Director Kevin Guthrie will ask the legislature to consider changes to Florida Emergency Response requirement including the following items:

- Reducing the amount of time people have to remove damaged boats from waterways
- Providing uniform requirements for local governments about debris-removal contracts.
- Shielding from public records the names of people harmed by disasters.
- Requiring local governments to have pre-storm contracts that cover all aspects of debris removal.

Committee Chairman Sen. Ben Albritton, R-Wauchula, called the proposals “logical and thoughtful,” adding that “Different parts of the state have different challenges.”

Headlines Around the State

Roll Call: McCarthy, holdouts discussing possible deal for speaker's gavel

The Hill: Trump's clout takes hit from Speaker's fight

Politico: Gaetz wasn't always against leadership. Just look at his time in Tallahassee.

FlaPol: Matt Gaetz said he won't move on Speaker, labels Kevin McCarthy as 'desperate'

FlaPol: Matt Gaetz nominates and votes for Donald Trump as House Speaker

The Hill: Republican rep. slams Gaetz, McCarthy holdouts for drawn-out Speakership battle

FlaPol: Byron Donalds continues as protest nominee amid negotiations with Kevin McCarthy

Times: Anna Paulina Luna is at the center of the conservative rebellion in Congress

FlaPol: Anna Paulina Luna nominates Byron Donalds ahead of 10th Speaker vote

FlaPol: Brian Mast nominates Kevin McCarthy before 8th vote for Speaker

FlaPol: John Rutherford slams Florida colleagues for messing with his constituent services

FlaPol: Scott Franklin, Cory Mills, Michael Waltz say Speaker delay could hurt national defense

FlaPol: Michael Waltz warns Speaker drama could play into Democrats' hands

AP: Cuban migrants arrive in Florida to uncertain future

AP: Ex-Bolivia official receives stiff jail sentence for bribes

Herald: Hundreds of Cuban migrants head to Key West after landing on Keys island, Coast Guard says

Herald: 'I want to bring him home': Families of Cuban migrants await them at Border Patrol station

Herald: What's the COVID situation in Miami and why are Florida hospitals full of patients?

WaPo: Why Millennials Are Following Boomers to the South

WLRN: Palm Beach County School Board asks judge to dismiss parental rights lawsuit

WLRN: Floridians have less than two weeks left to apply for low-interest federal loans after Ian

WUSF: Tampa International Airport's giant flamingo now has a name

WUSF: Taxes raised from the now-defunct Hillsborough transportation referendum may finally be spent

WUSF: A newborn was surrendered to Florida's only safe haven baby box. Here's how they work

Sentinel: Plan for SunRail airport link to Universal, I-Drive takes big step forward

Sentinel: Orange County's November hotel tax receipts break another record

WUSF: UF faculty blast Florida's surgeon general over COVID advice

News Herald: Surgeon General Ladapo accused of flawed COVID research by UF colleagues

FlaPol: Personnel note: Chris Emmanuel to lead government relations at UF

FlaPol: Personnel note: Trent Morse joins Mercury as SVP

Capitolist: Ian aftermath: Lawmakers look to stabilize Florida's agriculture industry

Axios: New Year, more money: Florida halfway to \$15 minimum wage goal

Herald: DeSantis inauguration planned to give donors special treatment. They got long lines, few seats

Post: Dave Kerner gets state post; DeSantis names GOP chair Michael Barnett as his replacement

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis appoints Democrat Dave Kerner to captain FLHSMV

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis names interim Secretary at Agency for Health Care Administration

FlaPol: DNC spotlights abortion schism between Kristi Noem, Ron DeSantis

WaPo: Can Ron DeSantis ride an anti-business message to the White House?

FlaPol: Chris Sununu renews attacks on Ron DeSantis

Capitolist: Gov. DeSantis appoints Jose Oliva to the Board of Governors

FlaPol: Rick Scott announces hires, promotions on communications team

NYTimes: A Democrat's Unusual, Up-Close View of DeSantis

Times: Florida Attorney General meets rejection after effort to block Zeigler DNA testing

Times: Florida's lawsuit against feds over Biden immigration policies set to begin

Times: Florida's emergency management chief seeks changes to disaster response rules

FlaPol: Senate enviro approps priorities laid out, include Land Acquisition Trust Fund

FlaPol: New House water quality subcommittee provides 'unique opportunity'

FlaPol: Chris Latvala goes home to Direct Mail Systems

FlaPol: Broward's Property Appraiser takes on crime-fighting role as property crimes proliferate

FlaPol: 'Harvey was love in action': Miami-Dade honors longtime leader Harvey Ruvin

Herald: 'Harvey Ruvin was a community treasure.' Miami-Dade's veteran court clerk remembered

AP: Multiple people wounded in shooting near Florida restaurant

Herald: 10 people injured after shots erupt outside popular Miami Gardens eatery, sources say

NBC 6: Multiple People Shot Outside Miami Gardens Restaurant During French Montana Video Shoot

Herald: Miami-Dade schools police chief could be next Doral police chief

Times: Clearwater council fires city manager, citing long-standing concerns

FlaPol: Claims slow, but bonuses flow at UPC

Times: A reset in St. Petersburg: A look at Mayor Ken Welch's first year in office

Times: New Port Richey police Chief Kim Bogart announces retirement

Sun-Sentinel: Broward Judge Linda Alley dies from pneumonia during lung cancer fight

Sun-Sentinel: South Florida attorney sentenced to prison for spending COVID relief money on jewelry, private jet, and Trump golf club membership

Capitolist: Walmart touts drone delivery service expansion in Florida and beyond

City & State FL: Florida faculty leader: Directive on critical race theory sends 'chilling message'

Important Meeting

Important Broadband Summit – January 26 and 27th

Open for participating entities

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[Registration for BROADBAND SUMMIT](#)

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